

LOCO News

Bring cookies to share

Come to our holiday party!

Bring a plate of cookies to share and join us at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 for our annual LOCO Christmas party.

This year it will be at the Metroparks' new facility in Wellington.

We will up wind our annual drive to give fiber animals to the needy as Christmas gifts from our guild through Heifer International. The shawls we have spun and woven and knitted will be given away in the drawing at the meeting..

Bring your tickets and money so we can tally up the total to see how we did. We have been going well over \$1,000 each year, and that means sheep and rabbits and goats and alpacas.

Be sure to bring along your show and tell. A lot of us have been making Christmas gifts and they won't be there to show off later. Share now!

How to get there

Wellington Reservation is south of Wellington, on Jones Road. Take Route 58. If you are coming from the north, go right (west) on Jones Road off Route 58. If you are coming from the south on Rt. 58, go left..

The park is about a mile down Jones Road on the left.

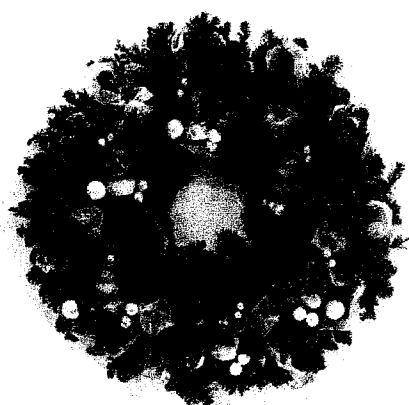


Reminder

December is the month we pay our annual dues of \$20 for LOCO membership, \$15 for an ad.

That includes this monthly newsletter, all our workshops and programs and access to our library of books and periodicals and gives you the right to borrow any of our spinning and weaving equipment.

It's a bargain



Calendar

Dec. 11: LOCO Christmas party at the new Lorain County Metropark's Wellington Reservation Visitor Center on Jones Road. 7:30 pm.

January 8: LOCO meeting, 7:30 p.m.

January 22: Spinning at home of Beth Hines. 7:30 p.m.

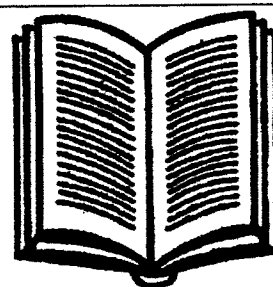
Feb. 12: LOCO meeting, 7:30 p.m.

March 15: Alliance Spinning and Weaving Guild Women's Fiber Fest, 10-4 p.m.

Information: <http://allianceywca.org> or call 330-823-1840.

March 19-21: Cuyahoga Weavers Guild workshop by Sharon Alderman on Double weave & color and weave effects: one warp, two techniques. \$114. Contact: Uarda Taylor, 440-969-1890.

If you can receive your newsletter by email, tell Pat Geisler, spin9r@aol.com



Library news

THE HANDMADE BASKET BOOK by Rebecca Board. Each of the 15 projects in this book has a step-by-step pattern for a basket. Suggestions are given on growing, gathering, preparing and storing natural materials. Instructions for a hazel wreath, little egg basket, hoop frame cake rack, plaited rush floor-mats, wrapped coil mats and much more can be found here.

Betsy Bruce has thoughtfully given to our library her complete notebook for Leslie Voiers' course "PLAIN WEAVE IS ANYTHING BUT PLAIN" that includes weaving instructions for 23 warp threadings with a woven sample for each. This is inspiring for beginners and experienced weavers. Thank you, Betsy.

Mary Louise VanDyke

Holiday greetings

As most of us know, Charlie Lermond, a former guild member and weaving instructor from Oberlin, left the area this summer to move to Dayton. He and his wife Martha would love to hear from friends here and see anyone who gets to their part of the state. Their new address is: Charlie and Martha Lermond, One Country Lane, Apt. #211, Brookville, Ohio 45309 loomshed2@aol.com

Scallop Brim Instant Hat—

Ideal for a new spinner's first yarn

Reprinted by request

A fun hat that knits up super-quick in a heavy, thick-and-thin yarn. Looks particularly good in hand-painted yarns.



Materials

approx 70 yards bulky thick and thin yarn
Note: Unless yarn varies from thick to thin, brim will not scallop

16" circular #13 OR #11 needles
 (or the size you need to match 2S sts=1" gauge)

stitch marker
 tapestry needle

Size: 23"-25"

Gauge

2S sts = 1"

If you want your hat to fit
 make a swatch and check your gauge!

Terms Used:

k knit
 k2tog knit 2 together
 rnd round
 st(s) stitch (es)

Directions

Cast on 61 sts. Being careful not to twist sts, slip the first cast-on st onto the left hand needle, so it sits next to the last st. Knit these two sts together. Pull yarn firmly to prevent a gap, then place a marker to mark the beginning of the round. (On each round, when you come to the marker just slip it to the right needle and keep knitting.) Knit around and around until hat measures 9" from beginning, then work decrease rounds:

Decrease Rounds

*K10, k2tog. Repeat from * around hat. This will leave 55 sts on needle.

*K9, k2tog. Repeat from * around hat. This will leave 50 sts on needle.

*K8, k2tog. Repeat from * around hat. This will leave 45 sts on needle.

*K2tog. Repeat from * to last st, k1. This will leave 23 sts on needle.

Cut yarn leaving 8" tail. Thread tail onto tapestry needle and run it through the remaining sts. Pull to close hole, then secure yarn, cut yarn and weave in yarn end.

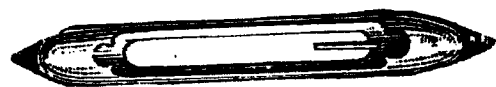
Editor's note: If you have saved your first yarns, try a variegated dyeing to do this. You'll be pleased.

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Minutes of the November 13 meeting

The Meeting was opened by Betsy Bruce, President.

Guests Joy Turner, Brian Turner, Vincent Beach and Michelle Beach were welcomed.

Betsy Bruce reminded everyone the December meeting will be at the Wellington Reservation. (Go right on Rt. 58 and then right on Jones Road).

Karen Long, Program chair, said everyone should bring a plate of something to share to the party. January's program will be back at the Carlisle Lorain County Metro parks Visitor's Center with hands-on dyeing. February will be Hop into Heifer.

Dee Martin, Treasurer, presented the guild's finances. The ending balance for November is \$2,929.05 of which \$879.10 belongs to Heifer.

She passed around raffle tickets for the Sheep-to-Shawl prizes. Please turn in your money & tickets next month. The drawing will be at the December meeting. Also \$20 annual dues are due in December. Payment for ads in the newsletter is \$15 per ad.

Beth Hines, Workshops and Sample chairman, said she will try to get a spinning workshop in the spring and a silk weaving workshop with Heather Winslow later next year.

Beth asked about interest in getting some of the new fiber samples. The consensus was yes, so she will look into fiber and yarn samples.

Etta Rowe, Sunshine, sent out 9 cards.

Julie Bragg, Guild Equipment, showed a Swift donated to the guild. It was purchased for \$2 at a garage sale!

New and old business

The slate of officers was presented for 2008 and their election was moved by Karen Long, seconded by Karen Morgan and passed by the group. Katie Farr will be our new President and Rachel Stowers, our new Librarian in 2008. All other positions remain the same.

Betty Roll announced that the yarn shop in Vermilion is considering spinning classes would be interested in teachers. Betsy Bruce passed around the World Ark magazine (published by Heifer Intl.) for those unfamiliar with the Heifer program.

Sara Twining suggested and passed around a book for the library, "Optical Illusions for Quilters" by Karen Combs.

Betsy Bruce handed out a flyer on the Textile Arts Alliance's programs, catalogs to Hill Creek Fiber, Webs weaving and knitting catalogs, the Yarn Barn's catalog and information on getting Interview Press magazines at a below subscription rate. She also mentioned and passed around information on Convergence 2008 which will be held in Tampa, Florida. She brought up the issue of a SNOW policy. It was suggested that if the Keystone schools were closed then there would be no meeting. No decision was made but it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Show & Tell

Beth Hines will shear sheep December 1, 9am-noon Saturday. 10717 Lagrange Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035, 440-458-4049. \$20 for a white fleece and \$25 for a black fleece. She will reserve a black fleece for the guild to purchase for the Heifer shawls.

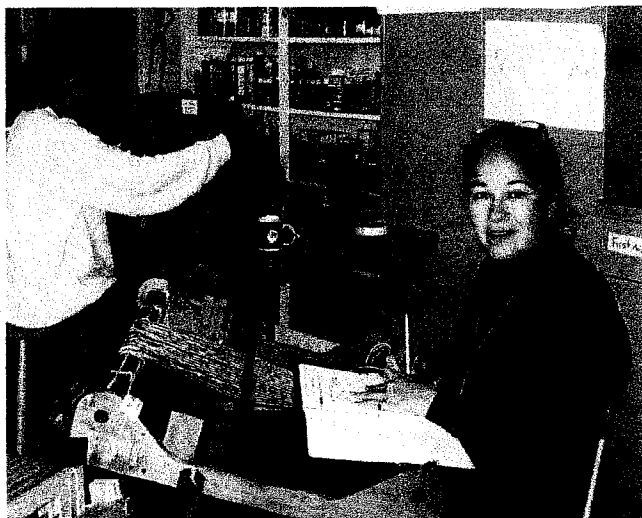
Sara Twining, Rachel Stowers, Betsy Bruce had their sample books from the Plain Weave is Anything But Plain workshop last month. Sara also had 2 woven scarves with fiber dyed at the natural dye day this summer at Roni Rospert's house. Rachel had woven wash clothes, two bookmarks and a tiny bag.

Betty Roll showed off towels from last year's weaving workshop; Etta Rowe has been busy making tiny baskets just big enough for business cards and whatnot.

Ed Rowe showed a restored Jacob Fox Flax Wheel; Patti McAndrew brought in her basket; Sheryl Billman brought in cross stitch, weaving samples and felting.

Mary Louise VanDyke has woven small hangings using the Theo Moorman technique to put Chinese symbols on them.

Weaving workshop



Elizabeth Yasaki, right, makes notes about the lesson while Audrey Kolb, left, is busy putting it to work..



Beth Hines looks happy about her pattern.

This was another of the guild's weaving workshops offered by President Betsy Bruce last month. Members had the chance to try out lots of new pattern options with a plain weave basis.

Photos by Julie Bragg



Instructor Betsy Bruce has suggestions.



Sara Twining won't look.

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For sale: Cincinnati Guild has: 4-harness Macomber add-a-harness portable floor loom with metal heddles and 8 dent reed, \$400; A 4-harness portable Harrisville floor loom, 22-inch width and metal heddles for \$850; Four Harrisville Friendly tapestry looms, \$150 each, and 1 warping reel, \$175. All are in the Cincinnati area but I can bring them here. Ruth Archer, cell: 513-608-4020, 28618 N Lincoln Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140

For sale: Rare breed ACRA Cotswold roving. \$1.50 per oz. plus shipping or \$20 lb. Very limited supply. Long staple, lustrous, 36s-44s, dyes beautifully. Ginette at 330-592-6298 or brostedtdsl@lek.net

For sale: Pelts. Two Suffolk plush wool, two Cotswold long wool. Email for photos. Ginette at 330-592-6298.

For sale: LeClerc Nilus loom, 4-harness, 6 treadle. Excellent condition. \$350. Jaymi Cents, 440-729-3238.

For sale: Antique Great wheel ready for restoration, complete, including accelerating head. \$200. Linda Zeiter, 440-840-2027 or lendaspins@earthlink.net

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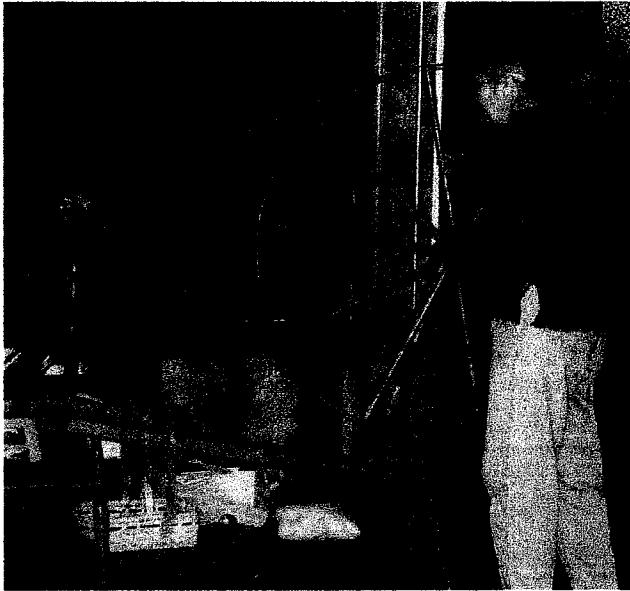
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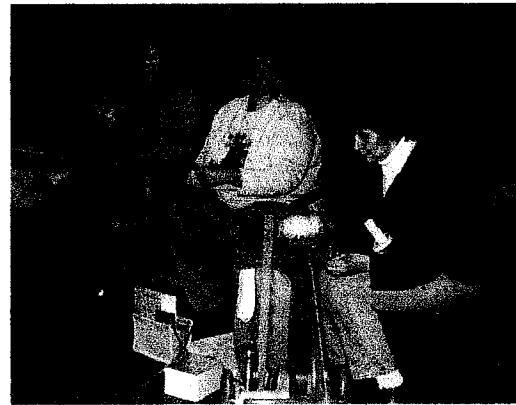
The last Sunday afternoon of every month LOCO members are invited to spin at the Huntington Township Hall. These are a few of the photos taken last month by Katy Farr.



Sheryl Billman gets her great wheel ready to go.



Lori Summerville takes a break.



From left are Kelly McAndrews, her mom Patti McAndrews and Betty Roll, hard at work.

Woolen and worsted yarns...

Woolen and worsted yarn require different fiber preparation and spinning techniques.

Woolen yarn is spun using a short staple fiber that is prepared by hand carding and rolled into rolags. A drumcarder can also be used. When spinning the fiber the long draw or medium draw technique is used to allow the fiber to wrap upon itself while trapping air in the center. This makes the yarn soft and bouncy. This yarn is best used for garments that will not be subjected to harsh wear, such as light weight knits. It can also be used for garments that will later go through a fulling process, such as blankets, coats, and jackets. Fulling is similar to a felting process that contracts the yarn in a knitted garment and makes the fabric stronger.

Worsted yarn is spun using a long staple fiber that is prepared by combing with Dutch combs or a flicker carder, to keep the fibers parallel, and to remove the shorter ones. When spinning, the worsted technique is used, in which, the fiber is first drafted and then twisted using the thumb and forefinger to flatten the loose fibers. This makes a smoother, stronger yarn that can be used for hard wearing garments, rugs, blankets, and warp for weaving.